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Faction among Harijans in Sembiam area.

* 70-A *Q.*—Sri C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the existence of a faction among Harijans in the Sembiam area;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that innocent Harijans not belonging to the group of the Scheduled Castes Federation are being molested by members of the latter group;

(*c*) whether the Government or the Collector have received complaints that adequate protection is not given to innocent victims;

(*d*) if the answers to (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) are in the affirmative, what action the Government propose to take in the matter; and

(*e*) if the answers to (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) are in the negative, whether the Government will call for a report?

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Certain representations were received by the Government to that effect.

" (*d*) Report has been received by Government that necessary steps for the maintenance of law and order have been taken by the local authorities.

" (*e*) Does not arise."

Sri C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask whether these unfortunate people have been unable to go back to their homes and live peacefully?"

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM :—" Yes, Sir. That was the complaint received by the Government and it was on that complaint that the Commissioner of Police in charge of the City was instructed."

Sri H. M. JAGANNATHAM :—" Is it not a fact that a member of the Scheduled Castes Federation was molested and killed by the so-called Harijans belonging to the Congress and there was a complaint about it in the Saidapet Court?"

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM :—" It might be so. This sort of strife was going on between the two sections in some places."

Leaflet issued by the Madras Communist Party.

* 70-C *Q.*—Sri C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the leaflet issued by the Madras Committee of the Indian Communist Party; and

(*b*) what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

The Hon. Sri T. PRAKASAM :—" (*a*) The attention of the Government has been drawn recently to a leaflet purported to have been issued by the Communist Party.